

MINUTES
Charlton St Peter and Wilsford Joint Parish Council
Quarterly Meeting
Thursday 11th August 2022 7:30pm
To be held in Wilsford Village Hall

Present: Neil Golding (NG) Chair, Clarissa Reilly (CR) Vice Chair, Tim Fowle (TF) RFO, Jo Lord (JL)

Also Present: Paul Oatway (PO) Local Councillor, Cassie Fowle (CF) Clerk, Sharon Prance,
Marjorie Kirk, Mary Gillmore, Alma Fowle, Luke Fowle,

1. Apologies for Absence

- Apologies were received from Simon Newton, Jo Fraser, Terrance Dixon & Christopher Beese

2. Minutes of the meeting held 19th May 2022

- The minutes were agreed from the last meeting and signed by the Chairman

3. Matters Arising from the previous meeting

3.1 Speed Limit in CSP

- CF has tried to contact the relevant department at WC regarding the reduction in speed limit in CSP. PO will put CF in contact with the right department. Once the survey has been conducted PO will arrange a meeting with Mark Stansbury from CAT G in CSP to discuss the proposal.

3.2 Dog Nuisance and a new dog waste bins

- CR reported that the issue seems to be less prevalent in Wilsford.
- Councillors from both villages agreed that the cost of providing new dog waste bins is cost prohibitive.
- NG and CR asked residents to highlight if this issue becomes an issue again in the future.

3.3 Wiltshire Local Plan Review

- PO has spoken to WC officers about the local plan. PO has supplied the full response and it will be included at the bottom of this document (#1) The plan is likely to be published for formal publication and public consultation in October 22.

3.4 A342

- PO has asked Jerry Kunkler (PAB Chair), to put the issue of WC not only failing to collect rubbish but actively exacerbating the problem, on the environmental select committee agenda at County Hall. PO will then be able to discuss this further with members of County Hall.
- A response from WC has been received from Councillor Richard Clewer in response to his questions around the movement of HGVs around the county.
 - National Highways have been carrying out a strategic study (due to be published later this year) on the connectivity between the M4 and South Coast.
 - Locally, a review of the Transport Plan and Freight strategy is planned with the consultation planned for 2023 and adoption in 2024.
 - The full response will be included at the bottom of this document. (#2)
- TF raised the comments made by Devizes MP, Danny Kruger, who stated (at a meeting following the crash of a large lorry into a building in Collingbourne Kingstone) that HGVs will need to be stopped using the A338.

- PO assured the PC that reducing the number of large vehicles using roads which are not suitable for the size and quantity is one of his top priorities.
- The cats-eyes in the road between Upavon and Everleigh are being replaced and the white lines repainted between the 22nd August and 25th August, following the recent resurfacing work which has been carried out.
- MG reported that at the Western end of Wilsford, the junction leaving the village has become unsafe due to the hedge which has grown and is restricting the view. MG has reported this on the WC App but so far, the right hedge hasn't yet been cut.
 - PO will ask a local highways engineer to assess this obstruction and will report back to the council.

3.5 Broadband issues In Wilsford

- The WC position is that nothing else will be done in the current phase of improvement. A further phase will be coming, dates are as yet to be confirmed. PO will ask what this will likely include and if Wilsford will be included in this.

3.6 Permissive Path around the back of CSP

- Discussed in PROW.

4. Environmental Issues

- Fires on the Plain – CB sent a discussion paper to councillors and Paul Oatway regarding the recent fires which have broken out across Salisbury Plain. This resulted in a long discussion around the issue.
 - Initially 3 seats of fire were started in various places around the plain, these 3 fires then moved to create one very large fire. Which due to the location, within the live firing area, was very hard for Dorset & Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service to fight.
 - Large temporary lagoons were created across the plain and arial fire- fighting support was brought in to assist.
- It was felt by many people including WC, DWFRS & this council that the MOD didn't provide as much assistance and support as they could have done. WC & DWFRS are both engaging with the MOD to look at how this could be managed better in future.
- The correspondence laying out the issues taken to the MOD was provided to PO by Darren Langdown, Operation Response at DWFRS and will be included at the bottom of this document. (#3)
- This council is supporting the ongoing WC actions.
- The council thank Paul Oatway, vice chancellor for DWFRS, for his time and effort engaging with the MOD.
- The Wilsford Wildflower Verges Restoration project summer newsletter was circulated with the agenda prior to the meeting. NG thanks Mary Gillmore for all the progress which has been made thus far.
 - MG is grateful to all the volunteers involved.
- CR reported that the human waste was spread on the local fields, but wasn't ploughed in and was very smelly and disruptive to those living and working in Wilsford. There were 11 days where it was very bad.
 - Due to an issue PO has personally been affected by he has asked Richard Rogers to give a presentation at the next Area Board about the legality and rules surrounding the spreading of human waste on farmland and WC's position on this issue.
- CR has asked for highways to look at the replacement of the damaged concrete barrier which protects the ditch at the eastern end of the village.

5. PROW Update

- The report from Wiltshire Bridleways was circulated prior to the meeting.
- NG to contact Steve Leonard regarding the blackthorn on WILS 6 & 9.
- A sub-committee comprising of Simon Newton (CSP) and Jo Lord (Wilsford) will deal with PROW issues and report to the PC prior to quarterly meetings.
- JL is in contact with the Bedwyn footpaths group.
- Permissive path around CSP- ongoing

6. New Website

- Some councillors are still having issues with the email, Simon Newton has asked anyone with issues to get in contact with him.

7. Planning Matters

- PL/2022/02039- 4 & 5 The Street, Wilsford – Removal of trees and creation of off road parking space
 - It has transpired since the last meeting that the owner of the property intends to issue eviction notices to the elderly residents.
 - PO has spoken with the property owner and his agent and an agreement was made that nothing would happen during the winter and PO will be kept up to date about the situation.
 - PO has also spoken with WC housing department to see what accommodation would be offered.
 - The council would like to thank PO for all the hard work and time that he has put into assisting the tenants concerned in this matter.

8. WC Report from Paul Oatway

- PO has had confirmation from Caroline Rudland, Electoral Services Specialist Manager, that there are no plans to charge to parish councils for the 4 yearly cycle of elections. The only time that a parish council will be charged for an election is if they hold a Bi-election, in between the 4 year parish elections. The estimated cost for this council to hold a bi-election would be £4000.
- The full response to PO from Caroline Rudland can be found at the bottom of this document (#4).

9. RFO's report

- It was assumed that the insurance cost would be the same as last year. Instead it was increased from £218 to £618, a very unexpected and unwelcome increase. A new policy have been taken out with Zurich for £196.
- Mary Gillmore will claim the rest of her grant money from the parish council for environmental works carried out.

10. Emergency Plan Review

- Councillors have had a good look through and so far there aren't too many adjustments needed. Councillors will go thorough and send any edits required to CF to make the amendments.
- CR suggested the telephone tree is updated.
- CF suggested that a copy of the emergency plan is printed off and kept in a safe and accessible place in each village, so it is easy to access should it be required in a hurry. E.g., the locations of the water hydrants needed by the fire brigade.
- Once updated CF will send the document to WC.

11. Neighbourhood Development Plan

- Ongoing

12. Any other business

- No salt is required for either village this winter as both are well stocked.
- CR has asked that when we next do the PC charity donations, we make a donation to the Citizens Advice Bureau.

Declarations of Interest

Note: Members who are bound by the provisions of the National Code of Conduct are required to declare either personal or prejudicial interests and, where necessary, leave the meeting during consideration of any relevant matters.

Future PC meeting dates;

- November 10th 2022
- February 9th 2023
- May 11th 2023 (Quarterly and AGM)
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PAB Dates

- 19th September 22- Neil Golding
- 28th November 22- Tim Fowle
- 27th February 23- Jo Lord

Charlton St Peter & Wilsford Parish Council.

RFO Report for 11th August 2022

Budget for financial year 01/04/22 to 30/03/23

Opening Balance	01/04/22		£1235.06
Precept	25/04/22	£1450.00	£2685.06
Clerks Fees	09/06/22	-£650.00	£2065.06
Arthur J Gallagher (Insurance)	01/09/22	-£218.00	£1847.06
Donations	11/01/23	-£145.00	£1702.06
Closing Balance 30/03/23			£1702.06

Wyvern Account 01/04/2022 – 30/03/23

<u>Opening Balance</u>			£1369.40
Inbox Creative Website costs	01/04/22	-£20.00	£1349.40
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Then monthly			
Closing balance 30/03/23			£1129.40

Insurance assumed to be same as last year.

This assumption has proved to be wildly inaccurate. Quote this year was for £618.00 . Yes you read that correctly. In the process of getting quotes to reduce this. A Lot. Best I have found so far is around £200. Will go ahead with that unless any violent objections.

I currently Know of no other upcoming expenditure.

T C Fowle (RFO)

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Dear Councillor Oatway

In response to the query from Charlton St. Peter Parish Council, I can confirm that good progress is being made towards preparing the publication draft Local Plan Review (the 'Regulation 19' version of the Plan). The direction of travel remains to present the materials that will be the subject of formal consultation to Cabinet and then Full Council. Officers are working with the Leader and Cabinet Portfolio Holder to maintain and monitor Plan making progress. Should any amendments be required to critical preparation milestones, as set out in our published Local Development Scheme, they will be presented to Cabinet for approval.

I trust that this information is helpful.

Regards

Geoff Winslow

Spatial Planning Manager
Spatial Planning

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Dear Ms Wilson Thank you for copying me in on your letter to Secretary of State for Transport. I thought you might find it helpful if I shared a few of my own thoughts on the matters you raise. You may be aware that National Highways have been mandated to carry out a strategic study, looking at the problems and potential solutions relating to poor connectivity between M4 and the South Coast. (see HERE) The Study is due to report later this year, and we are hopeful that it will provide some positive news for the way in which freight is managed at a regional level. We are also carrying out a whole scale review of our Local Transport Plan, part of which is a corresponding review of our freight strategy. That work is underway with consultation planned in 2023 and adoption in 2024. Earlier this month, we welcomed news that our Devizes Gateway station project is to be developed further, thanks to an announcement by the Department for Transport (DfT). It's also good news for Westbury station, as its relationship with Devizes Gateway and its wider interchange role will also be investigated. The study will be led by Network Rail, working in partnership with Wiltshire Council, GWR and other local partners. The £400,000 study is planned to be completed by March 2023 and will look at potential opportunities for Westbury, including the additional platform you refer to. At a more local level, I am very much aware of the concerns over traffic speed and levels of freight traffic along the A338. Please be assured that these matters are taken seriously. On the evening of the 28th July, Danny Kruger chaired a well attended meeting of local people alongside the Police, PCC and our local elected Member. The discussion was wide ranging (with follow up meeting(s) to be arranged) – one of the immediate agreed actions for the police was for them to arrange additional speed enforcement in the short term and arranging hgv checks. I hope the above information is helpful.

Yours sincerely Cllr Richard Clewer

Dear Cllr Oatway,

Further to our telephone conversation last night, please see the list of actions below that we are taking to support the military in both reducing the likelihood of further significant fires on Salisbury plain and also reducing the impact of when a fire does occur.

- In Liaison with GM Stevens, the military are developing business continuity plans to support their response to such incidents.
- We are supporting them with training and discussion on land management in order to reduce the available fuel in terms of vegetation. This includes looking to have cattle graze the land again to reduce fuels and also cutting fire breaks to reduce the fires ability to increase in size.
- Following our suggestion, the military are also looking at purchasing basic firefighting equipment such as percolating hose which can be charged with water and reduce the fires ability to spread.
- Identification of significant water sources within the site and where possible installing hydrants to improve water supplies.
- Installation of strategically placed concrete water supplies which can be utilised by the wildfire attack helicopter.
- Create a working relationship with the helicopter owner in order for the helicopter to be called immediately should a fire occur. This should reduce the severity and size of the fire and reduce the weight of attack required by DWFRS to extinguish the fire.

Should you require any further information or detail on any of the points above please don't hesitate to contact me.

Many Thanks

Darren

Darren Langdown

Area Manager – Operational Response.
Technical Rescue Service Lead

Dear Cllr Oatway

Further to your email and our telephone conversation yesterday, please see my response below.

There are no plans at present, and I am not aware of any changes, to charge parish councils for the four yearly cycle elections. The current arrangement continues in that at the end of the four-year term, when parish council seats all become vacant, the elections are held on same day as Wiltshire Council unitary elections and Wiltshire Council bears all costs. Obviously, this could change in the future but as I said I am not aware of any changes at the present time.

Parish councils are only required to be recharged for any by-elections they hold. For Charlton St Peter parish the estimated cost for a by-election would be approximately £4000.

I've attached a breakdown of costs for information.

I hope answers your questions but please let me know if you require any further information.

Kind regards

Caroline Rudland AEA (Cert)
Electoral Services Specialist Manager